(c) to (e) Kerala PWD has been requested to examine the viability of following projects on BOT basis:—

(i) Construction of bridges on Alapuzha Bypass on NH-47.

(ii) Construction of bridges on Phase III and Phase IV of Kollam Bypass on NH-47.

Utilisation of Allocation Under CRF Scheme in Assam

4634 DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation made and actual utilisation of fund under RF Scheme in Assam during last three financial years, year-wise;

(b) the date of actual handover of NH-52 to BRO/BRTF and sector-wise developmental plan envisaged in each subhead like improvement, widening replacement of timber bridge etc.; and

(c) the actual allocation and utilization made for repair, widening improvement and replacement of timber bridges as well as restoration of breaches of NH-52 during the last three financial years, head-wise and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (Retd.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) CRF is non lapsable fund. Sanction of projects is generally limited to twice the accrual. One third of accrual was released at the initial stage. Thereafter the funds are released based on utilization made by the States. The position in respect of Assam is as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Accrual	Value of projects Sanctioned	Released	Utilization
1999-2000	26.52	Nil	26.52	26.52
2000-2001	1508.00	2985.00	503.00	Nil
2001-2002	1473.00	405.46	463.00	463.00

(b) Handing over of NH 52 to Border Roads Organization is yet to be completed. BRO is finalizing the development plan of this National Highway in a phased manner.

(c) The allocation of funds for the development of National Highways including widening, improvement and replacement of bridges is made State-wise. Works sanctioned and expenditure on NH 52 in Assam during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Value of Sanctioned Works for NH 52	Expenditure on NH 52
1999-2000	889.74	990.00
2000-2001	1065.03	372.90
2001-2002	1142.44	1493.53

Economy in Fuel Consumption by Laying Cement Roads

4635. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of laying one kilometer of bitumen road and cement road and the life span of bitumen and cement road, separately;

(b) whether there would be saving upto 15 per cent in fuel bills for new roads laid in concrete in comparison to bitumen roads constructed at the same time;

(c) whether Rakesh Mohan Committee pointed out that Cement Roads would save Rs. 25,000 crore in transport cost and the maintenance costs would be negligible and the life span would be 40 years; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Costs of bituminous road and cement concrete road